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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SALMON FISHING VIOLATION

REF: GENEVA 1805

1. ON JUNE 5 USCG AIRCRAFT SIGHTED TWO JAPANESE GILLNET VESSELS, HK2-13940 AND HK2-13818, FISHING IN AREA SOUTH OF ALEUTIANS WHERE JAPANESE INDUSTRY CONFIDENTIALLY AGREED THAT IT WOULD VOLUNTARILY NOT CONDUCT ANY FISHING OPERATIONS FOR SALMON FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 20. HK2-13940 WAS SIGHTED AT 49-43N, 177-31.9E OR 1.9 MINUTES
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INSIDE OF RESTRICTED AREA, AND HK2-13818 AT 49-46N,

177-38E OR 8 MINUTES INSIDE OF RESTRICTED AREA. TWO VESSELS WERE PART OF FLEET OF 20 GILLNET VESSELS FISHING IN AREA. ALL EXCEPT TWO VESSELS CITED ABOVE WERE FISHING WEST OF 177-30E. USCG AIRCRAFT DID NOT SIGHT FACTORYSHIP WHICH NORMALLY WOULD BE IN VICINITY.

2. ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT SALMON OF BRISTOL BAY ORIGIN IN WATERS WEST OF PROVISIONAL ABSTENTION LINE WERE MEASURES VOLUNTARILY IMPLEMENTED BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY. THUS, WE CAN ONLY NOTE INFRACTIONS BY JAPANESE SALMON VESSELS OF THOSE REGULATIONS VOLUNTARILY IMPLEMENTED BY JAPANESE INDUSTRY.

3. ACCORDINGLY, POST IS REQUESTED TO CALL SIGHTINGS TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS AND REQUEST THEIR ASSISTANCE IN NOTIFYING THEIR INDUSTRY. NOTE THAT TWO VESSELS WERE NOT VERY FAR IN RESTRICTED AREA AND INFRACTIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE DELIBERATE. HOWEVER, JAPANESE FLEETS APPEAR TO BE CROWDING LINE DELINEATING RESTRICTED AREA AND THIS MAY POSSIBLY LEAD TO A MORE SERIOUS INFRACTION LATER IN OTHER AREAS. PURPOSE OF OUR CALLING THIS MATTER TO GOJ'S ATTENTION AT THIS TIME IS TO PREVENT SUCH AN OCCURRENCE.

4. FYI: DURING MARCH GENEVA DISCUSSIONS, JAPANESE SIDE STATED THEY WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT INFRACTIONS BY THEIR SALMON FLEETS. ONE WAY THIS COULD BE DONE WOULD BE TO HAVE MOTHERSHIPS WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL GEAR POSITION THEMSELVES IN SUCH A WAY SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DIRECT OPERATIONS OF THE CATCHER VESSELS WHEN OPERATING NEAR THE RESTRICTED AREAS. PLEASE NOTE THAT USCG AIRCRAFT DID NOT SIGHT MOTHERSHIP NEARBY 20 VESSELS. KISSINGER

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